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March 17, 2015


The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 March 17, 2015


PATRICK OSAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER TO PRATT WHITNEY
CANADA FOR A HELICOPTER ENGINE
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to proceed with the acquisition of a helicopter engine for a cost of approximately \$554,000.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:**

1. Approve the District's request to proceed with the acquisition of a new PT6T-3B helicopter engine from Pratt Whitney Canada (P&WC) at a cost of approximately \$554,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This recommended action is to approve the acquisition of a PT6T-3B helicopter engine from P&WC to be utilized on the District's Bell 412 helicopters.

The District sent in a helicopter engine, serial number PS62215, for an overhaul under contract number 77850. The engine has been disassembled, cleaned and inspected, and due to high operating hours, the estimated cost for the overhaul is in excess of \$490,000.

P&WC has offered the District a new (zero time) engine in exchange for helicopter engine, serial number PS62215, for approximately \$554,000.

The exchange for a new (zero time) engine for approximately \$554,000 is a more prudent option and

is more cost effective for the District than a complete overhaul on the existing engine, as all life limited parts will be new (zero time). The overhauled engine will have life limited parts that are time continued and will only have a portion of their life remaining versus a new (zero time) engine with new parts.

The purchase of the new engine will eliminate, to the greatest extent possible, the out-of-service time waiting for engine repairs and overhaul.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The District's Fiscal Year 2014-15 Final Adopted Budget includes sufficient funding for this purchase.

There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On October 16, 2001, your Honorable Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

The District has used P&WC as its sole source for Bell 412 engine repairs and overhauls for the past 17 years because they are the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) and have the highest qualifications and most dependable turnaround time for engine work. Acquiring the engine directly from P&WC will allow the District to save money by taking advantage of special pricing and customer discounts.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures, established by the Internal Services Department.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will enable the District to continue our efforts to provide fire protection and life safety services to the residents of Los Angeles County.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please electronically submit a Statement of Proceedings to the

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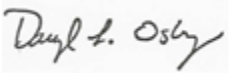
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If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief John B. Tripp, North Regional Operations Bureau, at (661) 286-2792.

Respectfully submitted,



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c: Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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Auditor-Controller
Internal Services Department